

# SOCIETY

## TO SANTA CLAUS.

Most tangible of all the gods that be,  
Oh, Santa Claus—our own since infancy!  
As first we scampered to thee—now, as then,  
Take us as children to thy heart again.

Be wholly good to us, just as of old,  
As a pleased father, let thine arms enfold  
Us, homed within the haven of thy love,  
And all the cheer and wholeness thereof.

Thou lone reality, when Oh, so long  
Life's unrealities have wrought us wrong;  
Ambition hath pillured us—fame likewise,  
And all that promised honor in men's eyes.

Throughout the world's evasions, wiles and shifts  
Thou only biddest stable as thy gifts—  
A grateful king re-ruled from thy lap,  
Crowned with a little tinsel soldier cap.

A mighty general—a nation's pride—  
Thou givest again a rocking-horse to ride,  
And wildly glad he groweth as the grim  
Old jurist with the drum thou givest him.

The sculptor's chisel, at thy birth's command,  
Is as a whistle in his boyish hand;  
The painter's model fadeth utterly,  
And there thou standest—and he painteth thee—

Most like a winter pippin, sound and fine  
And tingling-red that ripe old face of thine,  
Set in thy frosty beard of cheek and chin  
As midst the snows the thaws of spring set in.

Ho, Santa Claus—our own in infancy—  
Take us as children to this that be—  
Most tangible of all the gods—now, as then,  
As we first scampered to thy arms again.

—Riley.

### Christmas at Polk Street Methodist Church.

The Sunday school classes enjoyed their usual Christmas treat last evening at the church, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The following program was rendered to a large and appreciative audience.

Violin Duet: Schubert's Serenade—Lois Reeves and Mary Clark.

Prayer.

The Christmas Star—Primary Department.

When Christ Was a Little Baby—Primary Department.

Holy Child—Frankie Hatt and Mary Clark.

Reading—Donald Newman.

There Were Shepherds, Sunday School Choir.

Santa Claus—Primary Department.

### Christmas at First Presbyterian Church.

Last evening the Christmas exercises of the First Presbyterian church were enjoyed by a large gathering of members and friends of the church. A very interesting program was rendered by the Sunday school classes of the church. The musical part of the entertainment was under the management of Prof. Carl Heinrich, whose efforts were unsparing to render the occasion a complete high class treat.

### Christmas Tree at First Baptist Church.

The Sunday school classes of the First Baptist church held their Christmas tree festival at the church last evening. The church was wreathed in true Christmas attire. Christmas gifts made many little Nuts, candies, fruits and many hearts joyous. The usual exercises were carried out to the enjoyment of a large audience.

### Christmas Tree of Episcopal Church.

The Sunday school classes of the Episcopal church will have their Christmas tree at the church, Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 p. m. at the church.

### Lowrey-Phillips Christmas Entertainment.

The pupils of the Lowrey-Phillips schools enjoyed a most charming Christmas entertainment Friday afternoon at the college. The afternoon was most pleasantly spent in an informal manner, a very entertaining program being rendered by the pupils of the school, comprising songs and recitations. Toys, confections and fruits were distributed and a most delightful time enjoyed by all.

### Amarillo Residents at Austin Family Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Masterson and daughters, Misses Fannie Fern and Mary, left Thursday for a Christmas family reunion at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Z. T. Scott, at 2209 Rio Grand street, Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Sloane Kritzer of Taylor, Tex., numbered among the guests. Mrs. Kritzer is well remembered as Miss Annabel Masterson.

### Popular Amarillo Teacher to Wed.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Annie Hendricks of this city to Mr. Richard Bare Brownfield, of San Marcial, N. M.

the wedding to take place Wednesday morning at 7:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. S. H. Madden, 119 Van Buren street.

### Lisle-Brady.

A wedding that will be of great interest to friends in Amarillo of both parties was that of Miss Addie C. Brady, to Mr. J. H. Lisle, which occurred Wednesday afternoon at the parsonage of Rev. Walter P. Jennings, pastor of the First Christian church. The happy couple are of Chapel Hill, seven miles east of Amarillo, and are prominent ranch people of that community. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Lisle left over the Santa Fe for Kansas City, St. Louis and later will go to Louisville, Ky., where they will be guests at the home of Mr. Lisle's parents, returning to Chapel Hill January 1, and will make their home on the extensive ranch owned by Mr. Lisle. Mrs. Lisle is the daughter of J. D. Brady, an extensive real estate holder in the Panhandle.

### Gardenhire-Pyron.

The past week has been marked by a number of marriages in Amarillo, among the victims of Dan Cupid's art being Mr. H. C. Gardenhire and Miss L. Jewell Pyron. Miss Pyron and her mother came to Amarillo from McLean to shop. The wedding was to take place at an early date, but as Mr. Gardenhire happened to be in Amarillo at the same time with his betrothed, the couple decided to be married here and went to the parsonage of Rev. W. C. Jennings, pastor of the First Christian church, accompanied by Mrs. Pyron, and were married. Mr. and Mrs. Gardenhire returned to McLean, where they will make their future home.

### W. O. W.

New Year Ball. A New Year ball will be given at the W. O. W. hall January 1, 1912. Supper will be served in the banquet hall.

R. W. Ralston, accompanied by his mother and sister, left yesterday for Fort Worth, where they will be the guests of Mrs. Ralston's daughter, Mrs. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Early left yesterday for Waco to spend the holidays.

Carl Reeves returned yesterday from Midland accompanied by his bride, a charming and attractive young lady of that place, and are now at home to their friends at 807 Harrison street.

Mrs. W. A. Askew and baby left yesterday for Texarkana, where they will be guests of relatives for the holidays.

Dr. V. Wilkins and son Horace, of Denver, Col., and Mr. L. H. Smith of Sapulpa, Okla., are guests of the Drs. Clements for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams and daughter Miss Jess Williams, expect to leave Wednesday for New Mexico, where they will make their future home. During her short stay in Amarillo Miss Williams has gained a host of friends by her sweet and gracious manner, who regret keenly the unexpected conditions that arose to prevent the selection of Amarillo as the future home of the family.

## HER SOCIAL FUTURE IS BRIGHT



Miss Laura Schley Burleson, daughter of Representative Burleson of Texas, is one of the season's debutantes in Washington. Because of Miss Burleson's beauty, pleasant personality and aptitude as a conversationalist her friends are predicting for her a brilliant future in the social world.

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Messrs. M. C. and H. A. Nobles will have as their guest for the holidays Mr. and Mrs. J. Nobles of Dalt.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer of Wildorado passed through Amarillo Friday while enroute to Fort Worth to be the guests of relatives during the holidays.

Mrs. J. N. Haney, Sr., and Mrs. J. N. Haney, Jr., left last evening for Canyon to be the guests of Mrs. Fred Parke Luke, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fick, accompanied by their guest, Miss Andrews of Sherman, left Friday for St. Louis where they will be the guests of relatives for the holidays.

The Misses Tollee formerly of Amarillo, but now living at Canadian, passed through Amarillo Friday enroute to Tennessee to spend the holidays.

Mrs. O. M. Eakle left yesterday morning for Fort Worth where she will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. M. Callaway who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Turner, 1705 Polk street, have as their guest Mrs. H. H. Wallace, of Fredericksburg.

### CLARENDON.

#### McCreless-Gage.

Clarendon, Tex., Dec. 23.—Among the weddings with which the holiday season in Clarendon has been ushered in, there has been none that excelled in beauty of design and simplicity of elegance than that of Miss Ruth Gage of Clarendon and Mr. Orion McCreless of Colorado City, Texas.

Only recently the public announcement of the wedding had been made and much interest was taken in the event by the many friends of both the bride and groom, both of whom are prominent young people in their respective home towns.

Many friends were invited to the bride's home, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Beville, on Tuesday evening, December 19, to a reception given in honor of the groom. Notwithstanding the fact that the severest snow storm for several seasons raged, a large number of admiring friends were present. The reception given was well worth the effort required to attend. The decorations of the various apartments of this home consisted of tasteful arrangements of hollyhock and the evergreen pepper tree of Southern California. The social feature of this occasion was most enjoyable. After delicious refreshments were served, the guests departed anticipating the wedding to take place the following evening.

The marriage of these young people was celebrated at the Methodist Episcopal church, South, Wednesday evening, December 20, before an audience of friends that nearly filled the auditorium of the new church. Rev. J. R. Henson of Quanah, who was for four years pastor here, officiated, assisted by the local pastor, Rev. H. M. Long. The decorations of the church represented a snow scene, and here art showed its power to improve on nature, for the earth was clad in "solid whiteness." Mistletoe, California pepper, and cedar trees were deftly arranged into a forest scene, and this forest scene into a snow scene, and this covered all the pulpit and chancel, the frost effect being so real that on might say that it was snow that "had smitten the

honor, one in pink, the other in white, carrying out the color scheme, while the bride was attired in white silk messaline with pearl trimmings, with bridal veil, and carried upon her arm a bouquet of carnations and lily of the valley. The young ladies in the chorus formed in a semi-circle behind and above the bridal couple and attendants forming a very pretty background to the scene.

In point of beauty and elegance no wedding of recent years in Clarendon has excelled this. The bridal party returned to the home of the bride, where they were delayed by a late train, and did not get away until about 6 o'clock Thursday morning, going first to Dallas, then to San Antonio, then visit the groom's parents at Colorado City, during the holidays and will be at home at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, after January 1.

Miss Ruth Gage was reared in Clarendon and is justly popular because of her many noble traits of character. She had endeared herself to the inmates of her home, who were not relatives of hers, until she will be greatly missed.

Mr. McCreless is a traveling salesman and a young man of fine business ability upon the sometimes stormy seas of matrimony.

A FRIEND.

### Bourland-Heisler.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season, and one in which a large number of friends were interested, since both bride and groom were reared in Clarendon, was that of Miss Ethel Heisler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Heisler, to Mr. James Beldon Bourland, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bourland, which was solemnized Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, 1911, at the First Baptist church.

At an early hour Messrs. Harry and Homer Stocking (members of Miss Heisler's graduating class) Will Heisler, brother of the bride, Ralph Gatlin, Philip and Meredith Gentry ushered in a goodly number of wedding guests.

Promptly at eight o'clock Messrs. Meredith Gentry and Harry Brown led the Misses Josephine Chamberlain and Annie Laurie Bourland to the piano, which was hidden in a miniature forest of cedar, and with Miss Chamberlain at the piano, Miss Bourland sang in her charming manner "Thou Art Mine All" by Bradsky. Both young ladies were daintily gowned, Miss Bourland in heliotrope ecru draped in a tissue worn by her mother thirty years ago; Miss Chamberlain in white lingerie. Both wore picture hats to match their costumes, and carried a pink carnation.

At the conclusion of the solo strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March came stealing faintly from the piano, and little Miss Ruth Chamberlain, the ring-bearer, dressed in a becoming white crepe-de-chine dress, preceded the bridal cortege, carrying the lovely white satin pillow, which bore the ring "emblem of eternity," closely following came Rev. John Elder and next in order was the bride, on the arm of her bride's maid, Miss Adrian Brown, while the groom and his best man, Mr. Fin. Bourland, entered to the right.

The party followed Miss Ruth Patching to a lovely bower of green, made of cedar, and mistletoe; the bride and groom stood under an arch, from which suspended a bell, made of mistletoe and above this a cluster of the same berries, which added much to the effect and also to the romance, for this fruitage grew in the yard of the bride's birthplace. When the bridal party took their stand, a very beautiful ceremony was spoken by Rev. John F. Elder in his clear and impressive way, made more impressive by the soft low tones of Traumerel from the piano—as he pronounced them man and wife, the sweet melody changed to the triumphant wedding march of Mendelssohn and the bride and groom proceeded down the left aisle, followed by the ring bearer and Rev. Elder, while the maid of honor and best man marched down the left aisle.

The bride was dressed in white messaline draped in silver spangled net, the fissure of which was clasped by a beautiful cameo, the gift of the groom, the costume was completed by a becoming white veil and satin slippers. She carried an arm bouquet of pretty brides' roses and the maid of honor held a bouquet of white carnations and was tastefully gowned in white crepe-de-chine, trimmed in silver bead trimming.

The groom was attired in the conventional black, and wore white kid gloves; his best man wore similar attire.

The bride is well-known and loved by many, and is one of last year's graduates of the Clarendon High School.

The groom is a deserving young man, who has been associated with the Clarendon Lumber Co. for some time, and counts his friends by the score. The esteem both are held in, is shown by the number of costly gifts they received. They will be at home after January 1 at the Bourland ranch in Collingsworth county.

### CLAUDE.

Claude, Tex., Dec. 23.—Beautiful in simplicity yet charmingly artistic in every detail was the double wedding Thursday afternoon, December 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dairs, when their eldest daughter, Ethel, was given in marriage to Mr. William Lee Curry, and Florence, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Walton, became the wife of Mr. Faun E. Heath.

Despite the cold weather and almost impassable roads by three o'clock the elegant country home of ex-Sheriff Davis was crowded with the friends and relatives of both families.

Promptly at 3:30 o'clock, to the deep, solemn strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march the bridal party wended their way down the winding stairs and took their places beneath the silver tinselled arch. Miss Eva O'Neal of Wellington, Tex., presided at the piano during the ceremony which was solemnized by Rev. C. D. West, pastor of the Methodist church at Claude. Miss Anna Tally of Clarendon, Miss Mae Lane of Claude and Misses Maude Davis and Claudia Walton, sisters of the brides were the only attendants. Both brides and the bridesmaids wore rich creations of white.

The snowy background was shut out by drawing the shades but within all was aglow in the mellow light of blazing fire places and dozens of twinkling candles. The decorations presented a lovely combination of holly wreaths and silver tinselled draperies which glittering and glimmering in the fire light shed a Christmas halo over everything and everybody. After congratulations the bridesmaids served delicious punch and cake.

Both the Davis and Walton family are too well known to need comment. Both families were among the first settlers in the Panhandle and have resided in Armstrong county ever since its organization. Both Miss Davis and Miss Walton have grown from infancy to womanhood in their Claude homes and have a host of friends who wish for them the best in life. Mr. Curry is one of Armstrong county's most prosperous young farmers. Mr. Heath is a traveling salesman with headquarters at Arlington, Tex., where a beautiful new home awaits the arrival of his bride. The wedding party left over the east-bound Denver to spend the holidays with friends in east and central Texas.

Our sincere wishes for a  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
coupled with the hope that many  
more of the same character will  
follow.  
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